

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Purpose: The Montana Department of Transportation's (MDT) mission is to serve the public by establishing a transportation system that emphasizes safety, environmental preservation, cost-effectiveness and quality. MDT has a number of divisions within the agency that perform various functions that result in the construction, maintenance and protection of the state highways, bridges and state-owned airports and navigations systems. MDT's responsibilities also include enforcing vehicle weight and dimension laws, managing the state Motor Pool, long-range building program, rest areas and aircraft navigational and directional beacons.

Authorities: MCA: Title 2, Chapter 15, Part 25; and Titles 23 & 60.

(USC): Title 134 and 135.

(CFR): Title 23, Chapter 1

Roles & Responsibilities:

Aeronautics Division

See the Aeronautics annex in Section IV – Roles & Responsibilities.

Maintenance Division

- Ensure the safety of its infrastructures and the traveling public, maintain the operability of roadway systems and provide assistance and support to other state and federal agencies when applicable. *[Transportation]*
- Act as a secondary means for other designated or primary forms of communication using the network of available base stations, handheld and mobile radios, radio repeaters and special radio networks. *[Communications]*
- Provide accurate and timely roadway information to the traveling public and the SECC. *[Coordination - Public Information]*
- Support local jurisdictions by providing management assistance with regard to incidents involving the highway systems. *[Technical Assistance]*
- Provides information to the traveling public using the extensive web-based Travelers Information system. *[Coordination - Public Information]*
- Provide the SECC with additional weather information collected from the remote weather monitoring sites. *[Coordination]*
- Provide traffic control assistance for special situations involving evacuations, securing defined areas or necessary highway closures. *[Public Health/Safety - Safety]*

- Remove debris from roadways, bridges, other infrastructure and assist other agencies with debris removal situations. *[Public Health/Safety - Safety]*
- Provide facilities throughout the state that can provide secured storage of medical supplies and/or a site for mortuary services. *[Public Health/Safety - Health, Medical & Mortuary]*
- Provide the use of facilities located throughout the state for sheltering locations if necessary. *[Individual Assistance – Shelter/Immediate Needs]*
- Coordinate with DPHHS to provide transporting of food items, if needed, during the implementation of the Food Distribution program. *[Individual Assistance – Food Distribution]*

Highway & Engineering Division

- Acts as an in-house consultant to other state agencies, local or tribal governments requiring assistance with roadway or bridge design, construction management, inspection oversight or engineering related assessments. *[Technical Assistance]*
- Provides aerial photography assistance as necessary. *[Technical Assistance]*
- Assess infrastructure damages (i.e. roadways, bridges and etc.) and assist with other damage assessment needs. *[Damage Assessment]*
- Provide aerial photography capabilities to provide damage documentation. *[Damage Assessment]*
- Provide engineering, mapping and aerial photography assistance to local, tribal or state governmental entities. *[Technical Assistance]*
- Provide engineering personnel for preliminary damage assessment reports and preparing project worksheets. *[Public Assistance]*
- Active member of the State Hazard Mitigation Team for establishing project priorities statewide, developing the mitigation strategy and locating any possible departmental funds for project completion. *[Mitigation Assistance]*

Environmental Services

- Assists state agencies, local or tribal government with environmental issues by assuring compliance with all laws, rules, regulations, policies, orders and agreements. *[Technical Assistance]*

Motor Carries Division

- Implement the appropriate waiver of licensing, permitting and registration of commercial and agricultural vehicles to promote the rapid movement of goods. *[Transportation]*